

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Ranganathan et al. Art Unit 3761
Serial No. 10/820,636
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For DIFFERENTIALLY EXPANDING ABSORBENT STRUCTURE
Examiner Melanie Jo Hand

January 15, 2010

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated September 22, 2009, rejecting claims 1, 3, 7-15, 17-22 and 24-46.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension-of-time fee of \$130.00 and the appeal fee of \$540.00 under 37 C.F.R 1.136(a) to Deposit Account No. 12-384. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of any fees to Deposit Account No. 12-384.

Respectfully submitted,

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